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SUBJECT: CANADIAN CONTENT IN ONTARIO UNIVERSITY FACULTIES.

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL NATIONALISM OF THE ONTARIO LEGISLATURE TABLED A REPORT NOV 23 CALLING ON ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES TO ACHIEVE AN 80 PERCENT LEVEL OF CANADIAN PROFESSORS WITHIN 10 YEARS. (FULL TEXT OF REPORT WILL BE POUCHED EUR/CAN WHEN OBTAINED.) ACCORDING TO REPORT UNIVERSITY FACULTIES IN ONTARIO ARE NOW 64 PERCENT CANADIAN, 15.5 PERCENT FROM U.S, 10.1 PERCENT FROM U.K., AND 10.5 PERCENT OF OTHER NATIONALITIES.

2. AMONG SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS OUTLINED IN REPORT ARE FOLLOWING:

A. THAT UNIVERSITIES BE GIVEN THREE YEARS TO SHOW "SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS" IN INCREASING CANADIAN PERCENTAGES AFTER WHICH, IF NECESSARY, UNIVERSITIES WOULD BE REQUIRED WITHIN AN ADDITIONAL SEVEN YEARS TO INSURE THAT 80 PERCENT OF NEW APPOINTMENTS WERE CANADIAN CITIZENS AND THAT 70 PERCENT OF NEW APPOINTMENTS WERE FROM AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE OBTAINED MOST OR ALL THEIR TRAINING IN CANADIAN UNIVERSITIES.

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B. THAT LEGISLATION BE INTRODUCED TO PROVIDE THAT WITHIN

FIVE YEARS ALL CHANCELLORS, BOARDS OF GOVERNORS OR EQUIVALENT, PRESIDENTS, VICE PRESIDENTS, DEANS, AND CHAIRMEN OF DEPARTMENTS BE CANADIANS.

C. THAT ANNUAL REVIEW BE CONDUCTED BY THE MINISTRY OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO INSURE CANADIAN CONTENT PROPOSALS ARE BEING MET.

D. THAT ANNUAL REPORTS BE REQUIRED FROM UNIVERSITIES SHOWING CITIZENSHIP AND COUNTRY OF GRADUATE AND UNDER-GRADUATE TRAINING OF ALL NEW APPOINTEES.

E. THAT CANADIAN GRADUATE STUDIES BE EXPANDED.

F. THAT THE ONTARIO HUMAN RIGHTS CODE BE AMENDED TO PERMIT UNIVERSITIES TO ASK THE NATIONALITY OF TEACHING APPLICANTS AND TO ALLOW THEM TO DISCRIMINATE IN FAVOR OF CANADIANS.

G. THAT ADVANCE ADVERTISING OF VACANCIES IN PUBLICATIONS HAVING WIDEST CIRCULATION AMONG PROSPECTIVE CANADIAN CANDIDATES BE MADE COMPULSORY.

H. THAT UNIVERSITIES PAY FULL CANADIAN TAXATION FOR ALL STAFF (DESIGNED TO OVERCOME SOME TAX ADVANTAGES ACCRUING TO NON-RESIDENTS COMING TO CANADA TO TEACH).

3. THE 11-MAN COMMITTEE INCLUDED SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT, FOUR OF WHOM DISSENTED ON THE PROPOSAL CALLING FOR 80 AND 70 PERCENT QUOTAS. THE DISSENTERS EXPRESSED GENERAL SYMPATHY FOR THE OBJECTIVES OF THE QUOTAS, BUT FELT THAT QUOTAS WOULD BE UNWORKABLE AND DISCRIMINATORY AND COULD BE MISCONSTRUED AS MEASURES TO INTERFERE WITH THE FREE PROCESS OF RECRUITMENT. THE DISSENTERS ALSO OBJECTED TO THE FACT THAT THE QUOTAS WOULD DISCRIMINATE AGAINST THE FOREIGN-EDUCATED CANADIAN.
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